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Mr. John Tipton  
General Accounting Office  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tipton:

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
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In response to your letter of March 24, 1983:

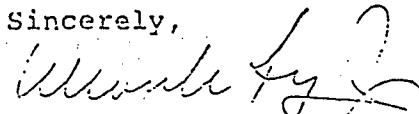
1. Turning over of files. As you know, we are subject to the third-agency rule and thus I am in no position to commit the Department of Justice to turning over third-agency material without permission of the agency involved. It is our intention, however, to request such permission from the agencies involved. If such permission is forthcoming, we will turn over those materials to GAO.

It is also our intention to turn over to GAO the substantive DOJ materials generated by this investigation. As we discussed, I must only take the precaution of reserving the right to withhold specific materials if there is an identifiable reason that overrides our general non-objection. For example, there may be an opportunity to obtain information only on the condition that it not be released outside the Department of Justice. While I do not anticipate that such situations, if they arise, will be common, I add this caveat so that there is no misunderstanding of our position. Also, consistent with DOJ policy generally, I must reserve the right not to turn over predecision memoranda, prosecution memos or similar internal administrative materials.

2. Progress briefings. Agreed. The material covered in these briefings will not be disclosed beyond GAO.

3. GAO participation. I will disseminate the questions you enclosed to the investigators, and we will cover those areas in our interviews to the extent practicable. To the extent possible, we will notify you of interviews and consider your requests for participation in specific interviews.

Sincerely,



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